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## The 12 That Changed the World #4 Peter - Failure is Not Fatal

**PRINCIPLE: Your Failures are not FATAL, When You Fall TOWARD Jesus.**

Matt. 16:13-19; Matt. 16:21-23; Luke 22:31-34

Luke 22:54

### **4 STEPS of Denying Jesus:**

**1. We Try to Follow Jesus at a DISTANCE and Make No Attempt to FULLY Identify with Jesus.**

Mark 8:34

**2. WE Intentionally Shift Our Identity AWAY from Jesus in Attempt to BLEND in with Others.**

Luke 22:55; Matt. 5:13-16

**3. We QUIETLY Deny Being a Devoted Follower of Jesus.**

Luke 22:56-58

Question: **Do People look at ME and Know that I have BEEN WITH JESUS?**

**4. We Boldly and PUBLICLY Deny Having Any Association with Jesus at All.**

Luke 22:59; Luke 22:60; Mark 14:71; Luke 22:61-62

**“Your Failures are not FATAL, When You Fall TOWARD Jesus.”**

**Matt. 16:13-19** 13 “...Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**Matt 16:21-23** 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

**Luke 22:31-34** 31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” 33 But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” 34 Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

**Luke 22:54** Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

**Mark 8:34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

**Luke 22:55** And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.

**Matt. 5:13-16** 13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

**Luke 22:56-58** 56 A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.” 57 But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said. 58 A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” “Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

**Luke 22:59** About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

**Luke 22:60** Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.

**Mark 14:71** He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

**Luke 22:61-62** 61 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” 62 And he went outside and wept bitterly